REMARKS

Applicants note that the Notice of Allowability includes a Reasons for Allowance section which recites lengthy portions of the claims and provides discussion of the cited references. To the extent that anything in the Reasons for Allowance is interpreted as a characterization of the cited references, or a characterization of Applicants' claims, Applicants do not concede to such interpretations, and reserve the right to challenge such interpretations.

Applicants respectfully submit that the file wrapper of the case sets forth the discussion of claims and references leading up to allowance of the claims, and sets forth the features relied upon for patentability over the cited references. The discussion in the Reasons for Allowance section should be interpreted as consistent with the case history, and not as changing or adding to the substantive discussion of the file wrapper.

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